Railway Link between Kadur and Mangalore

2999. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to have a railway link between Kadur and Mangalore;

(b) if so, when was it proposed by the Karnataka Government; and

(c) what is the stage at present and the number of times survey conducted in this regard and the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The then Mysore Government had been conducting surveys for construction of rail line between Kadur and Chikmagalur since 1893. Last survey for this line was done in 1983-84. Survey for Kadur-Chikmagalur-Sakleshpur (a station in Ariskere Mangalore line) was conducted in 1955 to 1957. Construction of this rail line has not been approved.

Declaration of Bangalore-Mysore road as Express road

3000. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government have sent a proposal to the Central Government to convert the existing Bangalore-Mysore Road into Fast Express Road keeping in view the importance of these cities;

(b) whether Government have examined the proposal and if so, the reaction thereto; and

(c) by when the Bangalore-Mysore Road will be declared as Fast Express Road and necessary facilities will be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Government of Karnataka have projected the requirement for the declaration of this Road as a National Highway. However owing to constraint of resources and other priority considerations, it has not been possible to accede to there request.

Direct flights from Bhubaneshwar to Madras

3001. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a direct flight between Bhubaneshwar and Madras; and

(b) if so, by when such proposal is going to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Promotion of adult education in the country

3002. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked to promote Adult Education in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount allocated for implementing Adult Education Programme in Orissa and other States in the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the various steps taken to promote Adult Education in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) An amount of Rs. 130 crores in the Central Sector and Rs. 230 crores in the State Sector have been earmarked during the seventh plan under Adult Education.

(b) The amount of grant released in the Central Sector and the allocation made